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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION MIXED ON SECRETARY'S TALKS
WITH TURKISH LEADERS

1. ATHENS PRESS DIVIDED ON ASSESSING SECRETARY'S
BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKISH LEADERS.
CONSERVATIVE KATHIERMINI FEATURED SECRETARY'S COMMENT
TO NEWSMEN WHICH WAS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED ON RADIO/TV
THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT TURKEY IS MAKING A SERIOUS
EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO CYPRUS AND THAT THERE IS A
BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. SAME NEWSPAPER USING AP WIRE
SERVICE QUOTED PRESIDENT FORD AS SAYING THAT HE BELIEVED
PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY COULD BE RESOLVED AND
THAT THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS ENCOURAGING.

2. OPPOSITION TO VIMA STRESSED VIEWPOINT OF AN "AMERICAN
OFFICIAL IN SECRETARY'S PARTY" (AGAIN CITING AP) WHO
REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IF A CYPRUS SOLUTION IS NOT FOUND
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SOON, THE CONFLICT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD EXPAND INTO

THE AEGEAN WITH WAR ENSUING DURING THE SUMMER. AKROPOLIS
(CENTER) PICKED UP THE SAME REPORT UNDER HEADLINE "WAR
BETWEEN THE ENEMIES IN THE AEGEAN IS FEARED BY THE
AMERICANS." SAME NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED PM DEMIREL'S
REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT'S QUERY ON POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL
CONCESSIONS AS "AT THE MOMENT WE ARE NOT GIVING ANYTHING
TO ANYBODY."
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